

Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 27, 2019
City Council Chambers, One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mates, Stone, Kim, Hurt

Councilmembers Absent: Lieberman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Hurt

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation Declaring Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Hurt read the proclamation.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Kim announced the upcoming Waterdog Run.

Councilmember Stone commented regarding the recent fire department chili cookoff. He noted that the money raised at that event will be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Councilmember Mates announced the upcoming Coastal Cleanup Day.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Resolution 2019-080 authorizing a service agreement with BKF Engineers for traffic and transportation design services for the Alameda de las Pulgas Corridor Improvement Project, for an amount not to exceed \$399,766 and a 10% contingency

Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports

Resolution 2019-081 approving (1) plans and specifications, authorizing advertisement for sealed bids, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$955,759 and a ten percent construction contingency, and (2) authorizing the City Manager to execute a Task Order for Construction Management Services with Tanner Pacific, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$192,080 and a ten percent contingency for the 2019 Pavement Maintenance Project – Phase II, City Contract Number 2019-582

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Mates, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved (4-0, Lieberman absent).

OTHER BUSINESS

Belmont Community Center Project Update

Parks and Recreation Director Shearer provided a summary of the process and outreach performed since January regarding a new community center. She also described the effort of the Community

Center Committee.

Dawn Merkes, Group 4 Consultants, described the project's work plan. She explained that Group 4 will be developing cost models. She outlined the preferred indoor and outdoor activities and spaces that have been identified through the surveys and outreach meetings. She provided comparable information from other cities and noted that Belmont is on the low side of square footage of community/recreation center space per capita compared with other cities. She also provided information on expense versus revenue potential based on the uses of the building and the activities offered.

Ms. Merkes described the recommended options for the base program and noted the need to identify enhancements to be added. She pointed out that an outdoor pool received the highest priority, with gym and community room in second and third place. She explained that a pool and gymnasium are being recommended for the base program. She noted that three classrooms could be flexibly designed to be combined to support larger meeting needs.

Ms. Merkes described site options including whatever supplemental enhancements are to be included, and the community input given for the various options. She also described the community center committee's input regarding options and outlined the scope of work performed by the traffic engineer.

Discussion ensued regarding policies on cost recovery, providing for flexible space, and LEED certification.

Valerie Dohrenwend, Belmont resident, expressed concerns regarding impact on parking if multiple uses are going on at the same time.

Ms. Merkes responded that a traffic management plan can address this situation.

Councilmember Mates described the work of the committee. She noted that more scientific surveying will be done in the future, and the committee is still seeking general community input. She expressed her preference for Option A.

Councilmember Stone noted that he too prefers Option A. He pointed out that a community pool has been expressed as a priority in the community for several years.

Councilmember Kim stated that he has no strong preference for either option. He noted that Option A has some circulation and queuing issues, which can be mitigated. He pointed out that the site plan for Option A is better. He also stated that shared uses with staggered times can be used to mitigate parking demand.

Councilmember Stone expressed the desire to ensure that immediate neighbors have been directly contacted.

Mayor Hurt expressed support for moving the massing of the structure closer to Ralston Avenue. She is interested in seeing a future funding strategy, as well as traffic mitigations. She expressed support for Option A, a circular walking path, an outdoor pool, and a gymnasium. She pointed out that the gym can be multi-purpose. She suggested planning for future technology related to recreation. She also supports seeking public-private partnerships for operations.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Councilmember Mates described a recent Caltrain meeting.

Verbal report from City Manager

Acting City Manager Oskoui provided an update regarding efforts that are under way for a missing elderly man. He noted the recent O'Donnell Park reopening celebration. He noted that infrastructure projects continue to be under way. He announced the upcoming Coastal cleanup day, as well as the Regional Disaster Preparedness Day. He stated that Silicon Valley Clean Water obtained an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) grant to assist with its capital project. He noted that the recycling buy back center has closed.

MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION

Councilmember Kim announced that he will be resigning from the City Council in the near future and will work on transition plan relative to his intergovernmental assignments.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:10 P.M., in honor of Women's Equality Day. 8:10

**Terri Cook
City Clerk**